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CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on January 31, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Thomas Farley, Sean Gabler, Steven Skok, Richard Gabler, Jr., Richard Dornisch (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), and City Manager David Greene

Absent: Dennis Nero (excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Fred Hass, Chief Bill Kraus, Clythera Hornung, Dan Hepner, Warren Stewart, and Richard Sadley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 21, 2008

Steven Skok made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2008, seconded by Richard Gabler, and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING
Elk Creek Park
Master Plan

Mayor Geyer opened the Public Hearing regarding the Elk Creek Park Master Plan at 7:02 p.m. and turned the hearing over to Manager Greene.

Manager Greene presented a drawing showing the proposed Elk Creek Park which will be located behind the new parking garage on Depot Street once Industrial Steel & Pipe is demolished. He noted the park will consist of the following:

- walking paths
- water fountain
- gazebo
- picnic pavilion
- game tables and chairs
- band stand shelter
- exercise work stations
- elk statue
- landscaping

The Manager stated a bridge connecting the park and Bruxelles Street is also being considered.

Mayor Sally Geyer stated she did not like the name of the park and has received many comments opposing the name.

Daniel Hepner,
Citizen

Daniel Hepner questioned who will maintain the park? The Manager responded there has been no cost estimate on maintenance and that more hearings will be held regarding the park.

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The Manager stated restrooms will be located at the back of the parking garage and will only be open in the spring, summer, and early fall.

Thomas Farley agreed with the Mayor regarding the name of the park. He felt there should be citizen input to rename the park by a survey in the Daily Press or possibly a contest.

Manager Greene noted the City received a grant from the County of Elk in the amount of \$72,200. for the park and that the cost estimate of the park would be approximately \$200,000. He also suggested that possibly a Foundation would like to contribute some funds and have the park named after them.

Hearing Closed

There being no further comments, Thomas Farley made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor. The hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Fire Chief Bill
Kraus re: 2007
Annual Fire
Department Report

Chief Bill Kraus, of the Crystal Fire Department, presented the department's 2007 Annual Fire Report for the City of St. Marys, as follows:

- responded to 325 incidents
- 29 mutual aid responses
- received mutual aid 9 times
- provided fire prevention programs to students and scout troops
- incidents listed by the days of the week
- alarm time analysis
- buildings & contents values & losses and buildings & contents saved
- 88 members with an average of 29.9 hours of training per member
- Relief spent \$2,553.74 for training

Chief Kraus stated nine new members have joined the department. He also noted two members have retired but that several retired members have returned and are a great asset to the department.

After several questions and comments, Council thanked Chief Kraus for his very informative presentation.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Appointment of Vacancy
Board Chairman

Mayor Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Vernon VanAlstine as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were favor.

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Appointment to the
Redevelopment Authority

A motion was made by Sean Gabler to appoint Peter Winklbauer as a member of the Redevelopment Authority, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were favor.

Consider for Adoption
Resolution No. 08-2
re: Liquid Fuel Tax
Funds

Resolution No. 08-2 was presented to submit an application to the County of Elk for an allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$8,000. The funds will be used to purchase 502 tons of 1B limestone for the City.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution 08-2, seconded by Richard Gabler, and all were in favor.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
LERTA Meeting

Sean Gabler made a motion to schedule a LERTA meeting for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and instructed the Manager to send letters to the County Commissioners and to the School Board Directors. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

Sean Gabler also noted this would be a public meeting and that anyone is welcome to attend.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Steven Skok questioned the status of the T.V. Agreement with Zito Media. Manager Greene responded the City Solicitor is reviewing the agreement and will make any necessary revisions. The Solicitor will have the agreement for the next regular Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Geyer made the following announcement:
- Next Council meeting will be held on
February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Mayor


Recording Secretary